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Allotment of yarn to handloom factory owners in Malabar.

* 228 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) who the handloom factory owners in Malabar getting special quota of yarn are; and

(*b*) on what basis the Government allowed them these concessions?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No special quota of yarn is being allotted to any of the handloom factories in Malabar district. At present handloom factories working with less than 25 looms are getting supplies of yarn at retail rates and handloom factories working with 25 looms and above are getting supplies of yarn at wholesale rates from the State nominee. But the following handloom factories are getting consumer quotas (direct from mills at ex-mill rates) to the extent noted against each, as they were getting such quotas in the basic period and in the previous control period :—

Serial number and name of factory.		Quotas.	
1	Kerala Textiles, Kallai	25	bales.
2	Umayal Weaving Establishment, Cannanore.	40	,,
3	Standard Cotton and Silk Weaving Company, Limited, Kozhikode.	60	,,
4	Commonwealth Trust Limited, Kozhikode. (Handloom, Powerlooms and Hosiery Factory).	385	,, "

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" In view of the fact that these consumer yarn quotas are being misused in many places, may I ask, Sir, whether the Government would consider the desirability of cancelling this consumer quota system and supplying that yarn in the general distribution of yarn? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am just answering a question relating to Malabar. The hon. Member Mr. Pragada Kotaiah can put a separate question and I shall answer it."

Loan advanced to Shri Venkateswara Paper and Straw Board Mills, Tirupati.

* 229 *Q.*—SRI K. ADIKESAVALU NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the amount of loan advanced by Government to the Shri Venkateswara Paper and Straw Board Mills, Tirupati, Chittoor district, till now?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have advanced a loan of Rs. 2½ lakhs to Messrs. Sri Venkateswara Paper & Straw Board Mills, Ltd., Tirupati, under the provisions of the State Aid to Industries Act."

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Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, when the loan was granted, the purpose for which it was granted and whether that purpose has been served? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A loan of Rs. 2·5 lakhs was sanctioned to the company in 1948 for the manufacture of straw boards. The Government was later informed that the company was not running satisfactorily and therefore the Government ordered the recovery of the loan. Also the Government did not comply with the request of the company and others to take over the management of the company. The company has been ordered to be wound up and an official liquidator has been appointed by the High Court."

Sri K. ADIKESAVALU NAIDU :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of taking over this company with a view to developing an industrially backward area like Rayalaseema where the necessary raw materials are available? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government considered the question, but found that it would cost them another Rs. 7·5 lakhs. Therefore they thought that at the present moment it would be advisable to hold a public auction, the Government bidding up to the amount due to them."

Sri N. MAHALINGAM :—" What was the Issued Capital and Subscribed Capital of the company? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice, Sir."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" In view of the fact that Rayalaseema is an undeveloped area, will the Government take over and run the company not minding the additional cost of Rs. 7·5 lakhs as it would provide employment for many people? "

Sri R. KRISHNAN :—" On a point of information, Sir. My question No. 190 has not been answered."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It will be answered tomorrow."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether there is any paper or machinery left in the Venkateswara Paper and Straw Board Mills, Tirupati, now? " 11-30 a.m.

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am informed that there is sufficient material left in the mills."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" Does not the locality wherein this Venkateswara Paper Mills is situated, abound in raw materials, necessary for the paper industry? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is a fact, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Question time is over. The answers to the questions left over will be printed in the proceedings. We shall now take up the next item on the Agenda, viz., Electricity Demand."

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Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" With your permission, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would request the Hon. Chief Minister to place on the table of the House the answers to the questions that have been put to-day for which he said that he had called for information, as soon as he gets the information called for, even without our asking for the same, because we are very anxious to know the answers."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have no objection, Sir, to place what are called 'written answers' as soon as the information is received."

Raja MUTHIAH CHETTIAR of Chettinad :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, you have been good enough to say that the answers to the rest of the questions will be printed in the proceedings. On certain occasions when important questions come up before the House and hon. Members are anxious to put supplementary questions, it is usual to include those questions in the list of questions for the next day. Therefore may I request you, Mr. Speaker, that question No. 230 be included in the list of questions for tomorrow?"

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has been a Member of the Legislature for a long time and is well acquainted with the procedure followed in these cases. If the hon. Member who has put the question desires that it should be answered on the floor of the House tomorrow, he should make a request to me in writing before 12 noon to-day."

Raja MUTHIAH CHETTIAR of Chettinad :—" I shall do so, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member cannot do so because he has not put the question No. 230 [a]. It is the hon. Member, Mr. M. Muni Reddi who has to do so."

Raja MUTHIAH CHETTIAR of Chettinad :—" Then I shall have to look to Mr. M. Muni Reddi, Sir." (Laughter.)

Village-site price of paddy in Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore districts.

* 231 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the village-site price of paddy in Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore districts ;

(*b*) the allowance given to procuring agents, millers and wholesalers ;

(*c*) the surcharge, sales tax, etc., collected by the Government ;

(*d*) the f.o.r. price of rice in Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore ; and

[a] Question No. 230 postponed for answer on 26th July 1952.